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SUBJECT: SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA

REF: SEOUL 2122

BEGIN SUMMARY: ROKG IS GIVING SWEDEN A STIFF NOTE DESCRIBING LATTER'S RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA AS UNFRIENDLY ACT, AND IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF SOME FURTHER STEP. END SUMMARY.

1. MOFA HAS FURNISHED COPY OF CONFIDENTIAL NOTE WHICH KOREAN AMBASSADOR WILL DELIVER APRIL 9 TO FOREIGN MINISTER IN STOCKHOLM. TEXT IN PARA 3 BELOW.

2. IN FURNISHING US COPY OF NOTE, EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN AFFAIRS BUREAU DIRECTOR KIM TOLD US THAT MOFA IS CONSIDERING POSSIBILITY OF TAKING ONE OR MORE OF FOLLOWING FURTHER STEPS: ( A ) WITHDRAWING ITS AMBASSADOR FROM STOCKHOLM AND LEAVING REPRESENTATION AT LEVEL OF CHARGE; ( B ) ASKING SWEDEN TO WITHDRAW ITS NNSC MEMBER EITHER FROM ROK TERRITORY OR NNSC ITSELF; ( C ) RESTRICTING TRAVEL OF NNSC MEMBER. KIM SAID LIKELIHOOD OF ( B ) AND ( C ) WAS " MORE REMOTE " THAN ( A ) BUT NONE HAD BEEN RULED OUT. WE ASKED, AND KIM AGREED, THAT ROKG CONSULT WITH US BEFORE TAKING ANY STEP WITH RESPECT TO NNSC AS THAT TOUCHES ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND US/ UNC INTERESTS UNDER IT. I AM ASKING FOR APPT WITH FONMIN  
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APRIL 10 TO EMPHASIZE MY BELIEF THAT ROKG SHOULD NOT TAKE ANY STEP AFFECTING NNSC AND THAT IN ANY EVENT WE WOULD EXPECT PRIOR CONSULTATION.

3. TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS:

BEGIN QUOTE

APRIL 9, 1973

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN ON APRIL 6, 1973, REGARDING ITS RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA, AND, UNDER INSTRUCTIONS FROM MY HOME GOVERNMENT, TO STATE AS FOLLOWS: ( PARA)

1. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA EXPRESSES ITS DEEP REGRET OVER THE DECISION ANNOUNCED BY THE ROYAL SWEDISH GOVERNMENT ON APRIL 6, 1973, TO EXTEND A RECOGNITION TO NORTH KOREA. ( PARA)

2. AS HAS BEEN REITERATED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS TO THE ROYAL SWEDISH GOVERNMENT, THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT HOLDS THE VIEW THAT THE SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA NOT ONLY RUNS COUNTER TO THE ENDEAVOURS OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE TO REALIZE A LONG- CHERISHED ASPIRATION FOR A NATIONAL REUNIFICATION, BUT ALSO ENDANGERS SERIOUSLY THE SUCCESSFUL PROGRESS OF THE SOUTH- NORTH DIALOGUE BY DISTURBING THE MOST ELIVATE POLITICO- MILITARY BALANCE EXISTING BETWEEN THE SOUTH AND NORTH ON THE BASIS OF WHICH THE DIALOGUE ITSELF WAS POSSIBLE. ( PARA)

IN VIEW OF THE FRIENDLY TIES THAT HAVE LONG EXISTED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT DEEMS IT VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT THE ROYAL SWEDISH GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN A STEP OF SUCH GRAVE POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. ( PARA)

3. IN PARTICULAR, THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN AS A MEMBER OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION HAS ASSUMED, TOGETHER WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF PREVENTING A RECURRENCE OF HOSTILITIES ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA BY SUPERVISING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT. ( PARA)

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IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA ON THE PART OF POLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA REMAINS UNCHANGED, THE SWEDISH RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA UPSETS THE BALANCE THAT HAS EXISTED AMONG FOUR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, THUS CREATING A CONDITION THAT WOULD IMPAIR THE ROLE OF THE NEUTRAL NATIONS SUPERVISORY COMMISSION. ( PARA)

4. IN THE LIGHT OF THE FOREGOING, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA REGARDS THE RECOGNITION OF NORTH KOREA BY THE ROYAL SWEDISH GOVERNMENT AS UNFRIENDLY ACT TO THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. ( PARA)

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

/ S/ MYUNG SHIN CHAE  
AMBASSADOR

HIS EXCELLENCY KRISTER WICKMAN  
MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN  
END QUOTE.  
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